

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 241
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A RESOLUTION to continue the special joint committee created by House Joint Resolution No. 448, Part II of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly to study issues relating to child custody, divorce and child support.

WHEREAS, the issues of child custody, divorce and child support are of vital concern to citizens throughout Tennessee, because such issues have an important impact on the lives of countless children and parents daily; and

WHEREAS, the best interests of our children must continue to be the paramount concern in all of these matters; and

WHEREAS, these issues are also of vital concern to the judicial officials who must rule on child custody, divorce and child support matters; and

WHEREAS, in response to the numerous pieces of legislation relative to child custody, divorce and child support pending before the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, House Joint Resolution No. 448, Part II created a special joint committee to carefully and extensively study these timely issues affecting families, single parents and children; and

WHEREAS, while the special joint committee has worked assiduously to address these myriad and complex issues, much work remains to be done; and

WHEREAS, because child custody, divorce and child support issues directly affect the welfare of so many Tennesseans, it is imperative that the mandate of the special joint committee be continued; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the special joint committee created by House Joint Resolution No. 448, Part II of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly to study issues relating to child custody, divorce and child support is hereby continued for a period of one (1) year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of the special joint committee shall remain as constituted; provided, legislative members shall be duly elected members of the General Assembly in order to remain a member of the committee. Vacancies shall be filled by the Speaker of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That during the course of its deliberations, the special joint committee shall continue to provide a forum for organizations and groups which have particular interest in and knowledge of these issues. Such organizations and groups shall include, but are not limited to: The Tennessee Judicial Conference, The Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference, Dads Against Discrimination, The Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Tennessee Bar Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One-Hundredth General Assembly no later than March 15, 1998, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.